

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Resolution No. 73-12

Mrs. Vicki Almond, Chairwoman
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, October 15, 2012

A RESOLUTION to approve certain applications for the sale of development rights easements on property located on farms that meet the State criteria for application in accordance with Agriculture Article, Section 2-509, Annotated Code of Maryland.

WHEREAS, Baltimore County, Maryland, has been notified by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation that applications to sell development rights easements are to be ranked.

WHEREAS, the County Executive of Baltimore County and the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability with the recommendation of the Baltimore County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board has provided to the County Council the ranking of the applicants listed below, but otherwise kept confidential in accordance with State law and therefore listed only in alphabetical order:

<u>Property Owner's Name (Alphabetical Order)</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Greenland Farm II, LLC & Iceland Farm, LLC	83.17 +/-
Green Valley Training Center, Inc.	88.80 +/-
Hutschenreuter, Leonard & Mildred	94.32 +/-
Kern, Anne	22.28 +/-
McGinnis, John W., Mary C. & John M.	180.29 +/-
Merryman, Louis; Gittings, III, E.; & Gilmore, Holly	59.80 +/-

Merryman, Louis; Gittings, III, E; & Gilmore, Holly	185.7 +/-
Morris, Robert	33.77 +/-
Smith, Marilyn	84.60 +/-
Sullivan, Norma & Higgs, Betty	58.63 +/-
Wiley, Charles & Carlie	31.99 +/-
Zahradka Jr. Family Trust	73.00 +/-

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Baltimore County, Maryland, that in accordance with Title 2, Subtitle 5, Agriculture Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and Article 24 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended, the applications to sell development rights easements on the properties identified herein, are approved in the order of priority as provided in the confidential ranking list in accordance with a procedure established by the Baltimore County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board, subject to County Executive and County Council approval of the County's share to be paid for the purchase of various easements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation will consider the order of ranking and the landowner's easement offer price to determine which farms are to be purchased; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation will provide the County with specific information regarding any offer to buy the easements set forth herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution and a confidential ranking list be sent to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.